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INITIATIVE ON HUMAN CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

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1. AFTER PROBING SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD WESTERN GLOBAL  
INITIATIVE ON HUMAN CONTACTS AND INFORMATION IN NUMEROUS  
BILATERAL CONTACTS, NATO CAUCUS DECIDED MAY 27 THAT IT  
WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS ON LONG SOVIET PROPOSED  
LIST OF CHANGES, SINCE SUCH A MOVE WOULD PLACE WEST IN UN-  
ACCEPTABLY DISADVANTAGEOUS NEGOTIATING POSITION. CAUCUS WAS  
UNITED IN DECIDING THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO DRAMATIC WITHDRAWAL  
OF GLOBAL INITIATIVE PAPER, AND THAT ONLY REASONABLE COURSE  
OF ACTION TO TAKE IN THIS SITUATION WOULD BE TO SET IT ASIDE,  
AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING, AND TO RETURN TO SUBJECT-  
BY -SUBJECT NEGOTIATIONS ON BASIS OF PREVIOUS ALLIED  
POSITIONS. ALLIES WILL CONVEY THIS DECISION TO SOVIETS  
BY THEIR ACTIONS AT NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS, BEGINNING  
MAY 28.

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2. HOPE OF ALLIED GROUP IS THAT SOVIETS WILL UNDERSTAND WEST MEANS BUSINESS, AND WILL SEEK TO RETURN TO GLOBAL INITIATIVE AT A LATER DATE, ON TERMS WHICH MAY BE MORE FAVORABLE TO THE WEST. SINCE SITUATION IS VERY FLUID, WITH SOVIETS PRESSING FOR OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS AND NEUTRALS SEEKING PROCEDURAL SOLUTIONS, FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS COULD TAKE PLACE IN A VERY SHORT TIME, AND POSSIBILITY IS STILL OPEN FOR SOVIETS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GLOBAL INITIATIVE WHEN THEY ARE READY TO MAKE A REASONABLE OFFER. WE BELIEVE SOVIETS MAY NOW BE LOOKING FOR A FACE-SAVING DEVICE TO ALLOW NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN ON GLOBAL INITIATIVE. WHILE ALLIES ARE NOT PREPARED TO SACRIFICE SUBSTANTIVE WESTERN POSITIONS TO SAVE THE SOVIETS' FACE, RETURN TO SUBJECT-BY-SUBJECT NEGOTIATIONS MAY PROVIDE NEW OPENINGS FOR PROCEDURAL FACE-SAVERS, AND THUS BRING FOCUS OF NEGOTIATIONS BACK TO GLOBAL INITIATIVE. DALE

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